(a) The quantity of coconut oil imported in the year 2005-06 is as follows:

Quantity in thousands

Exim Code	Commodity	Unit	2005-06 (Apr-Jan.)
15131100	Coconut (Copra) Crude Oil & Fractions	KGs	107
15131900	Coconut (Copra) Refined Oil & Fractions	KGs	2,963

(b) No such representation to stop import of Coconut Oil has been received in the recent past.

(c) and (d) As per the existing Foreign Trade Policy, edible oils except coconut oil are freely importable. Coconut Oil (Exim Code 15131100 & 15131900) is under State Trading Enterprise regime and its import is allowed through State Trading Corporation subject to para 2.11 of Foreign Trade Policy. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for any change in the Foreign Trade Policy of Coconut Oil.

National network of producers of agriculture related sector

868. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create a national network of producers, co-operative bodies in agriculture, horticulture and other related primary sectors, to market and export products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the steps taken and the organizations associated with the above, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal with the Government to create a national network of producers, cooperative bodies in agricultural, horticulture and other primary sectors for export.

Comprehensive economic cooperation agreements

869. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with any country;

(b) if so, the details thereof country-wise; and

(c) the trade reported so far with each country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) India has a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) with Singapore which came into force from 1st August, 2005.

(c) Trade figure with Singapore for the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given as below:—

(Value in US$ millions)

	2004-05		2005-06		Percentage growth	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
April-August	1380	896	2,313	1,100	67.6	22.7
August-March	2621	1755	3,257	2,130	24.3	21.4
April-March	4001	2651	5,570	3,230	39.2	21.8

Countries posing threat to Indian exports

870. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka, Kenya, Vietnam, Indonesia and Guatemala have emerged as major threats to Indian exports;

(b) if so, the total quantum of exports of Indian tea, pepper and cardamom during the last three years, *vis-a-vis* above countries; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost plantation sector in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Quantum of exports of Indian tea, pepper and cardamom *vis-a-vis* that of competing countries during the last three years is given below: